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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE LETTER TO PRESIDENT
OF SECURITY COUNCIL

1. LETTER DATED JANUARY 18 HAS BEEN SENT FROM CHAIRMAN OF
THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE (FALL OF SENEGAL) TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE LETTER (PARA 2 BELOW), WHICH
RESTATES THE COMMITTEE'S "PRINCIPLES" OF A MIDDLE EAST SE-
TTLEMENT, WAS
CIRCULATED AS A UN DOCUMENT. WE HAVE HEARD THAT THIS SAME
LETTER, IDENTICAL TEXT, IS BEING SENT TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PERM REPS OF THE CONFRONTATION
STATES AND ISRAEL, CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE
AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. LETTER WAS PREPARED BY THE
COMMITTEE TASK FORCE (AFGHANISTAN, CUBA, GUINEA, GUYANA,
MALTA, INDIA, SENEGAL, TUNISIA) ON JANUARY 16 AND TRANSMITTED
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WITHOUT THE ENDORSEMENT APPARENTLY ON THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE.
(EGYPTIAN DEL INFORMED US THAT TASK FORCE AT ITS
MEETING HAD AGREED THAT DRAFT LETTER SHOULD BE REFERRED
TO THE COMMITTEE FOR IT SAPPROVAL, BUT EVIDENTLY
THE CHAIRMAN TOOK DECISION TO FORWARD LETTER WITHOUT
FURTHER MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.) LETTER DOES NOT CALL
FOR A RESPONSE AND TO USUN'S BEST KNOWLDEGE NONE OF THE

RECIPIENTS INTENDS TO REPLY. ALSO REPRODUCED BELOW IN
PARA 3 IS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE TO YASSER ARAFAT, APPROVED
BY THE COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 10.

2. QUOTE "A"

AT A TIME WHEN THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLES IS RECEIVING INCREASING ATTENTION IN THE CONTEXT
OF RECENT TALKS, THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE
RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAS DEEMED IT NECESSARY
TO AUTHORIZE ME, AS ITS CHAIRMAN, TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF ALL
CONCERNED TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES RELATING TO THIS QUESTION
CONTAINED IN THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY AT
ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION.

AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THOSE PRINCIPLES, WE WOULD
RECALL THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE IS AT THE HEART OF THE MIDDLE
EAST PROBLEM, AND, CONSEQUENTLY, NO SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE
EAST CAN BE ENVISAGED WHICH DOES NOT FULLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
THE INTEREST OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE;

(B) THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND PROPERTY AND
TO ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND
SOVEREIGNTY WILL CONTRIBUTE DECISIVELY TO A COMPREHENSIVE AND
FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISES;
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(C) THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION,
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, ON AN EQUAL
FOOTING WITH OTHER PARTIES, ON THE BASIS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTIONS 3236 (XXIX) AND 3375 (XXX) IS INDISPENSABLE
IN ALL EFFORTS, DELIBERATIONS AND CONFERENCES ON THE MIDDLE
EAST WHICH ARE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS;
(\$) THE INADMISSIBILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE AND
THE CONSEQUENT OBLIGATION FOR COMPLETE AND SPEEDY EVACUATION
BY ISRAEL OF ANY TERRITORY SO OCCUPIED.

I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL DO ALL IN YOUR POWER TO SEE THAT
THESE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES ARE APPLIED IN ANY EFFORT
TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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IN THIS CONNEXION, ALLOW ME ONCE AGAIN TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE
FACT THAT THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL, AT ITS MEETING IN
CAIRO, IN MARCH 1977, DECIDED TO CONSIDER THE COMMITTEE'S
RECOMMENDATIONS, APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-
FIRST SESSION, AS A POSITIVE AND PROGRESSIVE STEP TOWARDS
THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ASPIRATIONS AND RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE,
INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF RETURN AND THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION,
INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND TO DECLARE THAT
ANY SETTLEMENT OR AGREEMENT AFFECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE CONCLUDED IN ITS ABSENCE WOULD BE NULL
AND VOID.

THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS WERE REAFFIRMED BY THE PERMANENT OBSERVER
OF THE PLO, ON EXPRESS INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PLO, AT A MEETING
OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ON 10 JANUARY 1978.
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I SHOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF THIS LETTER WERE CIRCULATED AS
A SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT. UNQUOTE

3. "B" QUOTE

" I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU MOST CORDIALLY FOR THE MESSAGE AND GOOD
WISHES YOU CONVEYED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE

OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND

FOR YOUR REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED
IN THE COMMITTEE'S REPORTS AND ENDORSED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY.

"AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU ONCE
MORE OF OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE JUST CAUSE
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND OUR CONTINUED DETERMINATION
TO SECURE ALL EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMM-

ENDATIONS CONCERNING THE EXERCISE BY THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OF ITS
INALIENABLE RIGHTS, I.E. THE RIGHT OF RETURN AND THE
RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND
SOVEREIGNTY."

THE MESSAGE WAS CONVEYED TO MR. ARAGAT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP) IN BEIRUT. UNQUOTE

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